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Period for Reply

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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *4/24/2006*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-23,35 and 38-41* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-23,35 and 38-41* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-23, 35 and 38-41 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

Statutory Basis

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

The Rejections

Claims 1-18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lam (U.S. 6,344,104 B1).

Lam discloses a stacked-die integrated circuit chip package with

(1); (11) forming conductive structures in contact with a top surface of a dielectric substrate (see Figures 5-8);

subsequently, forming a layered assembly by attaching a wafer to said dielectric substrate, such that said conductive traces are in electrical communication with semiconductor devices in said wafer(see Figures 5-8);

forming input/output devices in contact with said conductive traces (see Figures 5-8);

subsequently, dicing said layered assembly (see Figures 5-8);

(2) further comprising the step of connecting said semiconductor devices to input/output devices (see Figures 5-8);

(3) wherein said testing is conducted through said input/output devices (see Figures 5-8);

(4) further comprising the step of discarding one or more defective packages (see Figures 5-8);

(5) wherein said step of forming said layered assembly includes the step of adhering said wafer to said dielectric substrate (see Figures 5-8);

(6) further comprising the step of electrically connecting said semiconductor devices to ball grid arrays on said dielectric substrate (see Figures 5-8);

(7) wherein said connecting step comprises the step of locating wire bonds in openings through said dielectric substrate (see Figures 5-8);

(8) wherein said connecting step comprises the step of connecting solder bumps on said wafer to circuit traces on said dielectric substrate (see Figures 5-8);

(9); (17) wherein said dicing step is performed by a saw (see Figures 5-8);

(10) further comprising the step of providing an electrode pad in said layered assembly (see Figures 5-8);

(12) wherein said forming step comprises the step of adhering said wafer to said metal layer (see Figures 5-8);

(13); (14) wherein said connecting step comprises the step of locating wire bonds in openings through said dielectric substrate (see Figures 5-8);

(15) wherein said connecting step comprises the step of connecting solder bumps on said wafer to conductive traces on said dielectric substrate (see Figures 5-8);

(16) further comprising the step of connecting said traces to conductive vias extending through said dielectric substrate (see Figures 5-8);

(18) further comprising the step of testing said semiconductor devices through said ball grid arrays (see Figures 5-8).

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

Statutory Basis

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

The Rejections

Claims 19 and 39-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoon et al. (U.S. 6,479,887 B1) in view of Yang (U.S. 6,498,387 B1).

Yoon discloses a semiconductor package with

(19) subsequently, attaching said semiconductor wafer to said dielectric tape;

subsequently, connecting said semiconductor devices in said wafer to ball grid arrays on said dielectric tape;

simultaneously dicing said wafer and said dielectric tape (see Figures 2A-2F).

Yoon teaches everything above except for aligning a plurality of semiconductor devices in a semiconductor wafer with respected to openings in a dielectric tape. However, Yang discloses a wafer level package with **(19).....** aligning a plurality of semiconductor devices in a semiconductor wafer with respected to openings in a dielectric tape (see abstract. Figures 11-15); **(39)** further comprising the step of attaching said dielectric tape to said wafer by applying heat or pressure to the assembly (see column 4, lines 29-34); **(40)** further comprising the step of evacuating gas from said assembly. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Yoon and Yang to fabricate a semiconductor device

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoon et al. (U.S. 6,479,887 B1) in view of Yang (U.S. 6,498,387 B1) and further in view of Gaynes et al. (U.S. 6,165,885).

Yoon and Yang teach everything above except for wherein said wafer is optically aligned with respect to said dielectric tape. However, Gaynes discloses an electronic component with **(20)** wherein said wafer is optically aligned with respect to said dielectric tape (see column 18, lines 51-65) It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of Yoon and Yang (in accordance with the teaching of Gaynes) to optically aligned with respected to the dielectric layer during fabrication of a semiconductor device

Claims 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoon et al. (U.S. 6,479,887 B1) in view of Yang (U.S. 6,498,387 B1) and further in view of Smith (U.S. 6,300,149).

Yoon and Yang teaches everything above except for wherein said wafer is magnetically aligned with respected to said dielectric tape; wherein oppositely charged magnetically elements are provided on said wafer and said tape; further comprising the step of locating a magnetic ring in a charged slot. However, Smith'149 discloses an integrated circuit with **(21)** wherein said wafer is magnetically aligned with respected to said dielectric tape (see column 4, lines 30-67); **(22)** wherein oppositely charged magnetically elements are provided on said wafer and said tape (see column 4, lines 30-67); **(23)** further comprising the step of locating a magnetic ring in a charged slot

(see column 4, lines 30-67). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of Yoon and Yang (in accordance with the teaching of Smith) to magnetically aligned with respected to the dielectric layer during fabrication of a semiconductor device.

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

Statutory Basis

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

The Rejections

Claims 35, 38 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lam (U.S. 6,344,104 B1) in view of Yang (U.S. 6,498,387 B1).

Lam discloses a semiconductor device with

Respect to claims:

(35) connecting said semiconductor devices to respective ball grid arrays located on said substrate; testing said semiconductor devices through said ball grid arrays (see Figures 5-8).

Lam teaches the above outlined features except for adhering said wafer to a flexible substrate. However, Yang discloses a wafer level package with **(35)** adhering said wafer to a flexible substrate (see column 4, lines 29-34); **(37)** further comprising the step of singulating packages from said wafer and said substrate (see column 4, lines 29-34); **(38)** further comprising the step of segregating defective packages from other packages (see column 4, lines 29-34); **(41)** further comprising the step of segregating defective packages from other packages (see column 4, lines 29-34). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teaching of Lam (in accordance with the teaching of Yang). Doing so would facilitate the manufacture of the semiconductor device and enhance the speed of the semiconductor device.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuong A. Luu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1902. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:15-2:45).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Smith can be reached on (571) 272-1907. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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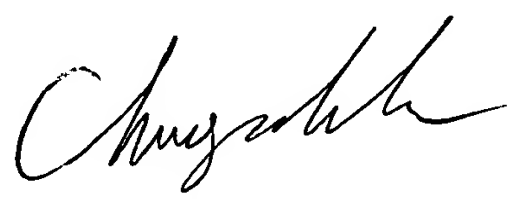

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